The main terms and conditions covered aspects like compliance with safety rules and regulations, non-employment of manual labour except for operation, maintenance and repairing of machines/ equipment and payment related to measurement of work done.

(c) The machines equipment were hired for working small patch deposits by open-cast methods.

(d) In working small patch deposits, deployment of hired machinery equipment has been found to be more economical than the departmental equipment under similar conditions.

(e) The hiring of machinery/equipment was done by the Board of Directors of Eastern Coalfields Limited or by competent authority to whom powers had been delegated. Coal India Limited laid down guidelines for hiring of machinery/equipment in 1981.

Inquiry into (he affairs of KVIC

136. SHRI M. A. BABY: SHRl K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to inquire into the goings on in the management of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission against whom a number of complaints have been received from different quarters; and

(b) if so, by when; and if not. what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Government had set up a Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri M. Ramakrishanyya, former Deputy Governor Reserve Bank and Chairman NABARD to go into the working of the Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Based on the recommendations, a number of amendments to the KVIC were passed by the Parliament early this year. In accordance with these amendments, the rules of the KVIC have been amended and notified in July, 1987.

Setting np of a National Design Council

*137. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Design Council';

(b) whether any progress has been made in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) A Working Group was set up to examine, the desirability and feasibility of setting up a National Design Council. The recommendations of the Working Group weie examined by the government and it was felt that the proposals needed modification from the point of view of organisation of the Council, manner of providing financial assistance as well as involving industry participation. The recommendations of the Working Group could not therefore, be accepted in their present form.

Oil Refineries at Karnal and Mangalore

*138. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed equity participation by the Tata and Birla groups in the joint venture companies to be formed for setting up the two oil refineries at Karnal and Mangalore; aad

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRl BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Government of India have decided lhat a 6 MTPA refinery be set up at Karnal in the joint sector. It has also been decided a Detailed Project Report be prepared for a 3 MTPA Petrochemical refinery at Mangalore.

The Karnal refinery will have Ms. Tata Chemicals Limited as the private co-promoter. The public sector promoter will be Indian Oil Corporation. Each of them

will hold 26% of the equity and the rest will be raised from the public including non-resident Indians.

The proposed Mangalore refinery will have M/s. Indian Rayon Corporation as the private sector co-promoter with M/s. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation as the public sector partner. In this case also each of the partners will hold 26% of the equity with the rest coming from the public including non-resident Indians.

Formation of a Joint Consultancy Firm

*139. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to revive the proposal for formation of a Joint Consultancy Firm with Management and Technological International Inc., USA and public sector undertakings; and

(b) if so, in what circumstances ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Government have since advised six Public Enterprises for formation of a Joint Venture company in India for rendering specialised management and technological services for improving the performance of Public Enterprises.

Changing of LPG Dealer

*140. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an LPG consumer can get his dealer changed;

(b) if so, on what grounds; and

(c) what is the procedure to be followed by the consumer for changing the dealer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT):

(a) Yes, Sir. The scheme has been introduced selectively in the bigger markets and is being extended to other markets in a phased manner;

inconvenient location, unsatisfactory service by the existing distributor, etc.;

(c) At locations where inter-Company transfer facility is also available, the consumer has to surrender his equipment to his present distributor, take his Termination Voucher and get his connection from the distributor of his choice, provided his residence falls within the latter's area of operation.

At locations where this facility is availa able on intra-company basis, the consumer has to take his Transfer advice from hii present distributor without having to surrender the equipment and get connection from the distributor of his choice, provided his residence falls within the latter's area of operation.

Results of Experiments to run Motor Vehicles on Compressed Natural Gas

835. SHRIDINKARRAO GOBINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETRO LEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 192 given in the Rayja Sabha on the 10th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the results of the experiments conducted to run vehicles on compressed natural gas have been finalised; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Letters of Intent sought from Orissa

836. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased
to state:

(a) how many 'Letters of Intent' for setting up industrial units in the State of Orissa were sought during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how many of these were in the public, private and joint sectors;